

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-9 and 11-15 are all the claims pending in the application and stand rejected.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claims 4 for a minor informality. Applicant submits the present amendment to claim 4 obviates this objection.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-9 and 11-15 stand rejected under § 102(b) as being anticipated by Balderrama et al. (US 5,806,071). Applicant traverses this rejection for the reasons set forth below.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, a displayed key group attribute information storage unit, for storing, as displayed key group attribute information, the key group master information of the at least one key group displayed on the touch panel; and

a display switching unit which, in response to a pressed switching key, receives from the key group master memory unit, key group master information that corresponds to the pressed switching key, and updates the displayed key group attribute information with the received key group master information.

In the Office Action, the Examiner contends the recited “pressed switching key” corresponds to menu branch cell 262a, and the feature “updates the display key group attribute information,” is disclosed in FIGS. 4 and 5, which allegedly show updating a database and the original template. However, for Balderrama to disclose all the features recited in claim 1, this reference must disclose, at least, updating the display key group attribute information “in

response to a pressed switch key.” Applicant submits Balderrama fails to disclose that any updating is performed in relation to menu branch cell 262a.

More specifically, menu branch cell 262a, when pressed, leads to branch displays 280 and 290. (col. 16, lines 30-45). In this way, when the interactive electronic device is operable, the display 280 would be displayed when menu branch cell 262a is pressed. However, Balderrama fails to associate any updating with this function.

The Examiner, on the other hand, alleges that such updating is disclosed in FIGS. 4 and 5. The updating in these figures relates to box 108 (FIG. 4) and box 126 (FIG. 5). Regarding FIG. 4, the process disclosed here relates to a configuration routine in which a original template presentation has been created 102b and a database of local records provided 102a. (col. 11, lines 36-45). Further, Balderrama provides that this process and system allow for database modifications 106 and original template presentation updates 108. (col. 11, lines 53-58). This is provided for in FIG. 4 within the configuration loop. Additionally, however, Balderrama also provides for loop 119 “to represent that, as time passes, the database may need to be modified and/or the original template may need updating.” (col. 12, lines 2-5). Thus, FIG. 4 provides for updating during configuration and periodically. The process illustrated in FIG. 5 builds on this concept, but also provides for updates to the templates which occur before configuration. (See FIG. 5). Consequently, Balderrama’s updates occur during configuration 104, periodically as the result of loop 119 in FIG. 4, or before configuration 135 in FIG. 5.

While Balderrama provides for updating within the context of configuration in FIGS. 4 and 5, and on a periodic basis, there is no relation between these configurations and periodic

updating, and a user's activation of menu branch cell 262a. In other words, the ***updating and configuration*** of the interactive system disclosed in Balderrama is performed independently and without influence of ***a user activating menu branch cell 262a*** to access branch display 280. Therefore, Balderrama fails to disclose any relationship between the activation of menu branch cell 262a and the configuration and updating routines.

In conclusion, because Balderrama fails to disclose "a display switching unit which, in response to a pressed switching key . . . updates the displayed key group attribute information with the received key group master information," as recited in claim 1, Applicant submits this rejection is in error and should be withdrawn.

Thus, Applicant submits claim 1 is allowable for at least this reason. Additionally, because claims 5 and 9 recited feature similar to those discussed above with regard to claim 1, Applicant submits these claims are allowable for at least the same reasons set forth above. Further, Applicant submits claims 2-4, 6-8 and 10-12 are allowable, at least by virtue of their dependency.

New Claims

New claims 13-15 are hereby added by this Amendment and submitted to be allowable, at least by virtue of their dependency.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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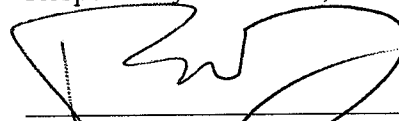
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